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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 with the following paragraph:

"The ball screw apparatus 36 further includes a first stage sun gear 106 on one end of an input shaft 108 of the planetary portion of the gear train. The first stage sun gear 106 engages the four, first stage planet gears 100. An input spur gear 110 is attached to the other end of the input shaft 108, for engaging with a pinion gear (not shown) attached to the drive shaft of an electric motor 112."